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1. Petition to Claim Benefit Under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(C) of a Prior Copending Nonprovisional Application or International Application Designating the United States of America – 2 duplicate copies (2 pages each); and
2. Second Preliminary Amendment (3 pages).

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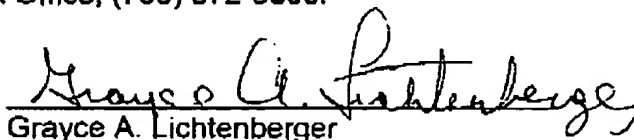
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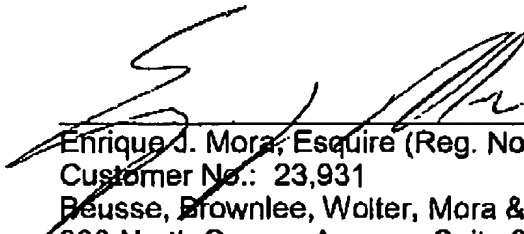
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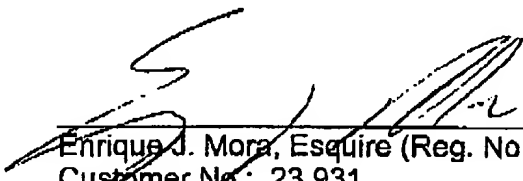
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the Specification of the above-identified application as follows. Please proceed to the following page.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend page 1, paragraph 1 of the Specification as follows:

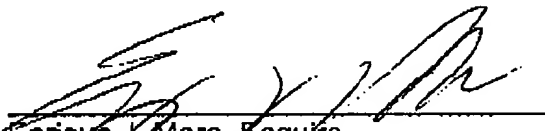
This application is a continuation-in-part and claims filing date benefit of co-pending and commonly assigned United States patent application serial number 09/644,420 filed August 23, 2000 and further claims benefit of the filing dates of United States patent application serial numbers 60/201,243 filed May 1, 2000, 09/410,553 (now patent 6,263,265) filed October 1, 1999, and 09/378,939 (now patent 6,301,531) and 09/378,940, both filed August 23, 1999.

REMARKS

If further prosecution of this application can be facilitated via telephone conference, the Examining Attorney is invited to contact the undersigned at (407) 926-7705.

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